

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraph beginning in line 12 on page 10 as follows:

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Here, as the amorphous alkali metal silicates, there may be used, for instance, JIS NO. 1, No. 2 sodium silicates; dried granular products of water glass such as Britesil C20, Britesil H20, Britesil C24, and Britesil H24 (each being registered trademarks ~~trade mark~~, manufactured by "The PQ Corporation"). Also, there may be used "NABION 15" (registered trademark, manufactured by RHONE-POULENC RHONE-BOULENC), which is a composite of sodium carbonate and amorphous alkali metal silicate.